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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REACTION TO MALAYSIAN RECOGNITION PRC

1. MALAYSIAN DECISION ESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC PLAYED IN VERY LOW KEY IN GOP CONTROLLED PRESS. ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED. UPI STORY ON RISKS OF MOVE COVERED INCONSPICUOUSLY. PRESS HAS SUGGESTED MALAYSIAN MOVE MIGHT BE ON AGENDA UPCOMING MARCOS-SUHARTO TALKS.

2. ONLY OFFICIAL GOP REACTION HAS BEEN FROM DPI SECRETARY TATAD WHO CHARACTERIZED STEP AS DEVELOPMENT WHICH GOP WELCOMED. TATAD SAID PHILS NOW MOVING IN THIS DIR-
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ECTIOJ AND STREDDDED "NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE REST

OF THE WORLD IS A COMMITMENT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY OF
A ONE WORLD".

3. COMMENT: TATAD'S REMARKS ARE CONSONANT WITH GOP
COMMITMENT TO EVENTUAL RECOGNITION PRC. LOW KEY HANDLING
WOULD APPEAR INDICATE GOP DESIRE NOT TO PLAY UP MALAY-
SIAN MOVE AS SUGGESTIVE OF IMMINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
GOP-PRC RELATIONS, WHILE SUGGESTING THAT PRECEDENT FOR
OPENING RELATIONS WITH PRC HAS BEEN CREATED IN SOUTHEAST
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